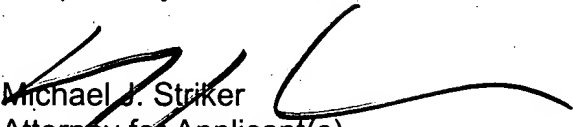


Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

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Claims

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1. A wiper blade for cleaning motor vehicle windows, having a wiper strip (12) which is held by a support bracket system (10) and is encompassed by a laterally closed protective profile (14, 22, 24), characterized in that the protective profile (14, 22) is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a cover (16, 18, 20), which can be used to open and close the protective profile (14, 22).
2. The wiper blade according to claim 1, characterized in that the protective profile (14) is closed with two covers (16, 18).
3. The wiper blade according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the cover (16, 18, 20) rests against the wiper strip (12).
4. The wiper blade according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the cover (20) has two closing surfaces (28, 30) and has a symmetry axis (26) lateral to the longitudinal direction (38, 40).
5. The wiper blade according to the preamble to claim 1, characterized in that the protective profile (22, 24) is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a projection (32, 34, 36) that is directed inward, lateral to the longitudinal direction (38, 40).

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6. The wiper blade according to claim 5, characterized in that the projection (32, 34, 36) is let into a first side wall (42, 44) of the protective profile (22, 24).

7. The wiper blade according to claim 6, characterized in that between the projection (34) and a second side wall (46), the protective profile (24) has a gap (48), which can be used to guide the wiper strip (12) with a wiper lip (132) during installation and removal.

8. The wiper blade according to claim 7, characterized in that the length (50) of the projection (34) decreases toward the window and the gap (48) is embodied as approximately uniform in width.

9. The wiper blade according to claim 8, characterized in that in the longitudinal direction (38) toward the end face (54), the projection (34) has a bevel (56), which is inclined inward in the longitudinal direction (40) and deflects the wiper lip (132) of the wiper strip (12) toward the gap (48) during installation.

10. The wiper blade according to claim 8 [or 9], characterized in that in the longitudinal direction (40) toward the inside, the projection (34) has a bevel (58), which is inclined outward in the longitudinal direction (38) and deflects the wiper lip (132) of the wiper strip (12) toward the gap (48) during removal.

11. The wiper blade according to [claims 9 and 10] claim 9, characterized in that the inwardly inclined bevel (56) is flatter than the outwardly inclined bevel (58).

12. The wiper blade according to [one of claims 5 to 11] claim 5, characterized in that the protective profile (24) has two projections (34, 36) whose distance (60) from each other is equal to the length (62) of the wiper strip (12).

13. A method for producing a wiper blade according to [one of claims 5 to 12] claim 5, characterized in that the protective profile (22, 24) is made of plastic and the projection (32, 34, 36) is produced with an ultrasonic source.

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